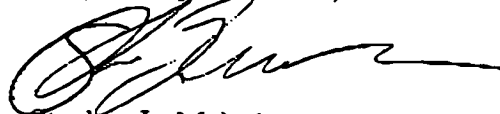


divisional application. Claims 39 and 40 are amended to delete dependence to a canceled claim. Claims 35, 39-41, and 49-60 are pending.

Because of this Amendment, five independent claims are presented (39, 40, 54, 55 and 56). Applicants have previously paid for six independent claims, and canceled three (33, 37 and 38) and thus authorize the Commissioner to charge and credit applicants' account no. 09-0089 in the amount of \$ 246.00 (3 x \$82) for the extra independent claims. Furthermore, applicants have added seven dependent claims and had previously paid for 13. Applicants believe that no further charges are necessary for the additional seven claims. However, if the Commissioner believes additional charges are required, applicants authorize the charge or credit of applicants' deposit account no. 09-0089 for any fees or amounts necessary to have this amendment considered.

In summary, applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a favorable action.

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